

JUNE 20, 2011 LSPA MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 8:40am in the cafeteria.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jen Pagan reminded members of the LSPA that the books will close on June 30, 2011, so please turn in receipts ASAP!

Jen also led the review of the final recommended 2011-2012 budget. Since it was presented at the last LSPA meeting, very minor changes were made. The projects approved for funding by the LSPA surplus have been listed at the bottom of the sheet, totalling \$16,700. The 2011-2012 budget passed by quorum of the LSPA.

The Treasurer's report through May 31, 2011 showed a closing balance of \$29,828.82. As is typical, May was very active for expenses as receipts for year-end enrichment activities come in during the month. Enrichment for the year was above budget, as the LSPA approved extra programs due to the surplus we carry. The Treasurer's report through May 31st was approved as is.

2011-2012 SLATE

The only new addition to the slate of officers is a Health Fair Chair, to assist Andrea Cogan and Lynn Vozzella with coordinating the many parent volunteers. We still need Chairs for the 5th Grade Committee, Mentor, Box Tops, School Pictures, and Technology. If interested, please contact Kate Carpini. The slate was voted on and approved as is.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The May 2011 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as is.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Kate Scanlon gave a big thank you to Laura Krotky, who led the enrichment committee and helped make Celebrate Reading a very successful event. The event lasted for 3 days with lots of extra activities, such as outside speakers and readers and even a music tie-in organized by Michelle Garciano. Tomorrow at 2:15pm, Kate announced that there will be a very "unique" message from the children, so if you can arrive early at pick-up, you won't want to miss it!

Kate also shared with the LSPA that the Grade 5 Moving On ceremony will be tomorrow as well, and she thanked the 5th grade class for the painting on the playground. The 5th graders received their yearbooks this past Friday, and they were thrilled to get them in advance.

Kate will be attending the district-wide Principals' meeting tomorrow, at which she can confirm activity dates for next year's calendar (e.g., Field Day dates, concerts, speakers, etc.)

Kate thanked Bridget Stump and Kate Carpini, our co-Presidents for this year, for all of their amazing work. She also thanked the entire LSPA for funding so many items with the budget surplus – they will go a long way to improving further the playground and the technology the school can offer to support its students.

Kate finally previewed some possible changes to improve parking and overall safety at pick-up along Mystic Valley Parkway. Working with the LSPA, she is trying to create a pre-registration/placard process to bring children to their parents' cars without necessitating parents to get out, unload younger siblings, etc. More details to follow in the new school year.

CO-PRESIDENTS' REPORT

Bridget Stump thanked everyone for their support during her tenure as President, and wished Kate Carpini and Sarah Girotti best wishes as they take over the co-presidency next year.

Kate Carpini gave a gift to Bridget on behalf of the LSPA for all of her great leadership.

GUEST SPEAKERS – ELLA ADAMS AND JULIE McELANEY

Two of Lincoln's 4th grade teachers, Ella Adams and Julie McElaney, presented a new initiative they would like to start next year, called the Triple Marathon Program. The goal of the program is to "make real" many of the school-wide goals we already espouse: the social and emotional development of every child, community, respect for others, doing for others, and health and fitness.

The program has 3 annual goals for every child who participates: 1) read 26 books, 2) walk or run 26 miles, and 3) complete 26 acts of kindness. They recognize not all children will want to participate, but they hope through parent encouragement and strong school community support, many of the Lincoln students will participate.

Materials and a letter will be distributed in September to explain the program and how to sign up for it. There will also be journals provided for those who sign up, to record books read, acts of kindness, and physical activity (separate and in addition to regular sports teams and activities). The hope is that the 3 goals can be accomplished both at home but also through school activities (e.g., the fall and spring clean-ups, read-a-thons, etc.) Ella and Julie also plan to provide routes and ideas on how to accomplish the physical activity leg of this program at home and outside of school.

The teachers have been very enthusiastic and supportive, and many have already volunteered to co-chair the four committees identified to drive this program: reading, running, doing good, and publicity. Julie and Ella need parent co-chairs to work with these teachers – they had a sign-up sheet at this meeting, and the LSPA will include these chairs as part of the LSPA chair sign-ups at the back-to-school coffees.

Kate Scanlon added that she wants a strong online presence for this program, supported by written updates, information, and photos of various events.

Everyone at the LSPA meeting was also very supportive, and it was suggested the kick-off occur before the Welcome Back Dinner so that event can be used for awareness and to garner sign-ups.

The meeting concluded at 9:25am.

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Shepard.